GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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TREATMENT OF HEART PATIENTS
JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the poor and the middle income group are unable to get treatment for various cardiac disorders and it takes months and some times years to get the treatment in such cases and the expenditure involved in the treatment thereof is also very high;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the remedial steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a) & (b) The Cardiovasecular disorders include Rheumatic Heart disease, Hypertension, Angina, Arrythmias, stroke, ischaemic , Heart diseases, Myocardialm infavction etc. The simple common cardiovascular ailments, such as Hypertension, Angina etc. are treated at CHC and PHC level at district hospitals also where the above ailments are taken care of while the complicated cases are treated at tertiary level hospitals in Medical Colleges and Apex Institutions like AIIMS, PGI Chandigarh etdt does take some time in the higher centre if the demand is for a particular service (i.e. Surgery). The expenditure involved in the treatment may be on the account of buying expensive drugs, other consumables needed for the surgery.

(b) National Cardiovascular Programme was initiated as a Pilot Project in five States. During the year 1998-99, Rs. 49.50 lakhs were given to AIIMS to carry out CVD (Cardiovascular Control and Prevention activities) in the organised sector e.g. CGHS, Railways etc.